

HISTORICAL SKETCH OF THE

EIGHTH MISSISSIPPI REG'T.

REGIMENTAL FIELD AND STAFF OFFICERS.

G. G. FLYNT, Newton county.....Colonel.
 J. T. GATES, Clarke county.....Lieut.-Colonel.
 G. F. PEAK, Jasper county.....Major.

COMPANIES.

- Co. A—Yankee Terrors, Raleigh, Smith county. Capt. William Watkins, 1st Lieut. Benjamin Duckworth, 2d Lieut. James T. Martin, 3d Lieut. Allen McKenzie, 49 men.
- Co. B—Pinckney Guards, Pinckneyville, Newton county, Capt. G. G. Flynt, 1st Lieut. H. M. Hartsfield, 2d Lieut. R. P. Austin, 3d Lieut. A. Red, 90 men. 1st Sergeant 5. F. Kennedy, 2d Sergeant J. P. Mallett, 3d Sergeant R. G. Cleveland, 4th Sergeant J. W. Smith, 5th Sergeant, T. J. Red, 1st Corporal J. M. R. 2d Corporal M. W. Stamp, 3d Corporal W. Y. Peteet, 4th Corporal S. E. Smith, 5th Corporal B. H. Corley, W. T. Roebuck.
- Co. C—Southern Sentinels, Marion Station, Lauderdale county. Capt. W. C. Day, 1st Lieut. John Smith, 2d Lieut. James Las-3d Lieut. W. H. Curtis, 55 men.
- Co. D—Ellisville Invincibles, Ellisville, Jones county, Capt. Sam Prince, 1st Lieut. Jacob R. Brown, 2d Lieut. H. C. Collins, 3d Lieut. Edward Capain, 59 men.
- Co. E—True Confederates, Raleigh, Smith county, Capt. W. T. Ward, 1st Lieut. John C. Wilkinson, 2d Lieut. C. Z. McLauren, 3d Lieut. H. W. Crook, 102 men.
- Co. F—Tolson Guards, Buckley's store, Jasper county, Capt. Geo. W. Ryan, 1st Lieut. George F. Peck, 2d Lieut. Ben Buckley, 3d Lieut. John W. Courliest, 58 men.
- Co. G—Moody True Blues, Enterprize, Clarke county, Capt. Green C. Chandler, 1st Lieut. A. E. Moody, 2d Lieut. T. M. Meek, 3d Lieut. P. S. Phillips, 56 men.
- Co. H—Confederate Guards, Rushing Store, Lauderdale county, Capt. J. G. Knox, 1st Lieut. C. K. Pace, 2d Lieut. M. D. L. House, 3d Lieut. A. C. Cox, 56 men.
- Co. I—Tallahoma Hardshells, Holder's Church, Jasper county, Capt. James L. Sansom, 1st Lieut. B. T. Moss, 2d Lieut. T. Bridges, 3d Lieut. W. B. Terrell, 64 men.
- Co. K—Clarke County Rangers, Enterprize, Clarke county, Capt. J. T. Gates, 1st Lieut. A. McNeil, 2d Lieut. Jesse Langsford, 3d Lieut. C. Husbands, 56 men.
- Whole number including field and staff officers, 800 men.

Organized at Enterprize, Clarke Co., Miss., 1861.
 Attached to Army of Pensacola, Army of Mississippi Army of Tennessee, under Bragg, Polk, Johnson and Hood.
 Ordered to Pensacola, Florida, Gen. Braxton Bragg, April 1861.
 Attached to Army of Tennessee, John K. Jackson's Brigade.
 W. H. T. Walker's Division, W. J. Hardee's Corps, 1862.
 PROMOTIONS—J. C. Wilkinson, Colonel; A. McNeil, Lieut. Colonel; John F. Smith, Major, John F. Smith promoted Colonel.
 Capt. A. F. Moody Commanding Regiment at Atlanta, July 31, 1864.
 BATTLES—Pensacola, Murfreesboro, Resaca, Etowa, Dallas, Chatahooche River, Kennesaw Mountain, Atlanta, Jonesboro, Spring Hill, Franklin and Nashville, and numerous skirmishes.

HISTORICAL SKETCH PINCKNEY GUARDS, CO. B. EIGHTH MISSISSIPPI REGIMENT, C. S. A.

[Sketch prepared by W. LANE AUSTIN, assisted by Comrades Austin Flynt, J. M. Mapp, J. W. Partis, M. M. Stamper, Taylor, Smith and Samson.]

At Pinckney Mills, Newton County, Miss., May 11, 1861, the company organized by electing the following officers:

Captain..... G. G. Flynt.
 First Lieutenant..... A. M. Hartsfield.
 Second Lieutenant..... R. P. Austin.
 Third Lieutenant..... A. Red.

On the 20th day of August 1861 at Union Miss., the company was mustered into the State Service, when Gov. Pettus gave orders for the company to rendezvous at Enterprize. In September this with other companies from East Mississippi formed the organization of the 8th Mississippi Infantry. Capt. Flynt was elected as Colonel. The vacancy in the captaincy of the Pinckney Guards was filled by the promotion 2d Lieut. R. P. Austin as Captain. 1st Lieut. A. M. Hartsfield was called away to Ga. and never served with company. Lieut. Austin was offered and did accept the position of Assistant Surgeon of Regiment; but after his election to the captaincy of the company he resigned his former position to accept a post that would bring him into action.

The Pinckney Guards became Co. B, in Eighth Regiment, and was mustered into Confederate States Service early in October and ordered to Pensacola at once and stationed in front of Fort Pickens, and actively participated in the several bombardments between the Bragg's Army occupying Pensacola Navy Yard, Forts Barrancas and McRae and Harvey Brown commanding Fort Pickens across Pensacola Bay in the months of November and February 1861-62.

In May 1862 the 12 month's time having expired, the 8th Miss. Regiment re-listed for three years or the war "The Guards" was

re-enlisted except Lieuts B. R. Martin and A. Red who returned to their homes and entered other branches of the service. Lieuts S. E. Smith and M. W. Stammer were promoted to places vacated.

During month of June 1862 Pensacola the stores forts and Navy yard were destroyed and the place was evacuated. The Eighth was ordered to Mobile, Ala., thence to Camp Jackson, Fla. thence to Pollard, where nothing occurred. From Pollard the regiment was ordered to Chattanooga, Tenn., and while there in conjunction with the 5th Miss. the 5th Georgia and two battalions of John K. Jackson's Brigade was formed and then assigned to Cheatham's Division, Hardee's Famous Corps. Army of Tennessee, under Bragg.

In the summer of 1862 Gen. Braxton Bragg, with a superb army of forty thousand men, all fresh and in good spirits, and under notable discipline, started out on the famous Kentucky Campaign. The Eighth Mississippi Regiment and Pinckney Guards with their full strength were prepared for hard service, and suffered many hardships, did special service and had narrow escape from capture.

At Murfreesboro, Tenn., on that memorable December 31, 1862, the company received its first baptism of fire blood and death. For hours they were in the thickest of the fray, and when the tide of battle had rolled away our brave boys lay slain and wounded. The company and regiment deported themselves gallantly, giving and receiving fire just like old veterans.

With the Army of Tennessee, the company fell back to Bridgeport, Alabama, where it remained on special duty until July 1863.

The company, with Major Gordon's Cavalry Battalion, were detailed for the purpose of seeking deserters and breaking up bushwhackers found in the mountains Alabama and Tennessee.

On 27th of August Private Thos. Johnson was killed at the Magazine Fort by a shell from enemies battery on Waldrens Ridge.

The next movement of the company with the 8th Mississippi was from Chattanooga to Chickamauga. The company was engaged in both days of the sanguinary Battle of Chickamauga. The casualties were 1 killed and 5 wounded. The regimental loss very large.

From Chickamauga to Missionary Ridge the company was frequently engaged on the skirmish line. When the Battle of Missionary was opened the company was actively engaged in the thickest of the fight. Here six men were taken prisoners. From Missionary Ridge the company went to Dalton, Ga., where they went into winter quarters for 1863-4, and suffered severely extreme cold weather.

After a lively skirmish at Dugout Gap, the regiment was ordered to Resaca, Ga., where on Saturday evening May 14th it was hotly engaged with Gen. Benjamin Harrison's Division. Here the regiment charged on a masked battery of eighteen guns. Throughout all this engagement the Pinckney Guards bore its part most gallantly.

At Dallas, Ga., the company was in the heat of battle. All along the line they took an active part in every skirmish and battle from this point to Atlanta. At Etowa, Kennesaw Mountain and Chattahoochee the company met death and wounds in the terrible carnage

of the many battles. Before Atlanta on July 22d, the company with the remainder of the regiment participated in the terrible slaughter of that day and battle field.

After this the company was engaged in skirmishes and picquet duty suffering but light loss up to Battle of Jonesboro, where there was 3 wounded and one captured. From Jonesboro to Palmetto, Ga. thence on to Tennessee with the Army of Tennessee, Gen. J. B. Hood, Commanding. The company was in the fight at Spring Hill Tenn. on 29th day of November.

On the 30th day of November the company and regiment took part in the celebrated Battle of Franklin, Tenn. Here the company loss was 10 killed near and on the enemies breastworks, 7 wounded and 4 captured leaving only 6 to answer roll-call. Only 27 men were able to go into the fight and they were in the heaviest part of this battle.

Again at the Battle of Nashville the few surviving veterans once again faced death and destruction. Here one was captured. Orderly Sergeant W. H. Boyd, who died in a Federal Prison Jan. 1865.

The remnant of the company retreated with the army to Corinth, and were allowed to go to their homes a short time. After a short rest they answered to roll-call, and took up their last line of march. They rejoined the army of Gen. Johnson, and was surrendered and paroled at Goldsboro, N. C., April 29, 1865—The Grand Finale.

Thus ended the chapter the Pinckney Guards!

This company was made up of the best material of the country, they were all young men between the ages of 18 and 30 years, whose religious and moral status was in the main of the highest and purest type, and this standard was fully maintained throughout the four years of death and gloom. The few survivors have been good citizens, and have been legislators, civil officers, two physicians and four ministers. In their young days the majority of them came from peaceful and happy farms, and when the flag they battled for was furled in glory they returned to Mississippi and begun again the building of homes and country. Through five States they went bravely, and they left some of their dead on every battle field in which the Army of Tennessee was engaged. Their pathway was marked with blood, but the great sacrifice was freely yielded upon the Confederacy's Altar, and what nobler record would man care to make?

CAPTAIN R. P. AUSTIN,

Cc. B. Pinckney Guards, 8th Mississippi Regiment.

Army of Tennessee, C. S. A.

MUSTER ROLL OF THE PINCKNEY GUARDS, COMPANY
B, EIGHTH MISSISSIPPI INFANTRY VOLUNTEERS,
ARMY OF TENN., CONFEDERATE STATES ARMY.

COMPANY OFFICERS.

Captain G. G. Flynt, Survived the war, now living at Strouds, Ga.
1st Lieut R. P. Austin, promoted 2d Captain, Harpersville.
2d Lieut B. B. Martin, died in Arkansas since the war.
3d Lieut A. Red, now living in Texas.
1st Sergt J. F. Kenedy, wounded Chicamunga, died since war.
2d Sergt J. P. Maxey, promoted 3d Captain, Jones County.
3d Sergt R. G. Cleveland, died March 20 1880, Newton county.
4th Sergt G. W. Smith, died at Bridgeport, Ala. 1863.
5th Sergt T. J. Red, now living in Texas.
1st Corporal J. M. R. Adams, died at home in 1862.
2d Corporal M. W. Stampes, pro Lieut. cap. Franklin, Stamper.
3d Corporal W. Y. Peteet, now living in Alabama.
4th Corporal S. E. Smith, pro Lieut, cap Jonesboro, died since war.
5th Corporal A. H. Corley, now living in Newton county.
Ensign—W. T. Rebuck, died at home September 1863.

PRIVATES.

Barrett, W. H. Wounded at Resaca right eye out, Decatur.
Bassett, L. W. Now living in Texas.
Benson, Jessie, Killed at Kennesaw Mountain, Ga., June 1864.
Bonds, J. H. Wounded at Atlanta, July 22, '64, Franklin, Tenn.
Bright, J. H. Now living at Decatur, Miss.
Boyd, W. H. Wounded Murfreesboro. Imprisoned at Nashville.
Died at Nashville, Jan. 3, 1865.
Bryant, J. H. Died of disease marching through Georgia.
Boyd, S. J. Now living in Texas.
Caris, J. A. Wounded at Resaca, Ga., May 11, 1864. Ala.
Chipman, Jessie B. Killed at Siege of Vicksburg. Transferred
to 36th Miss. Regiment in 1862.
Cleveland, Willie E. Killed at Franklin, Nov. 30, 1864.
Colbert, J. T. Wounded at battle of Franklin, Tenn., Miss.
Cooksey, E. M. Died at Pensacola, Florida, 1861.
Edmonds, S. E. Wounded at Palmetto, Georgia. Ellisville.
Freeman, H. T. Died since the war in Newton county, 1894.
French, George Now living in Texas.
Gardner, John H. Killed at Murfreesboro, Dec. 30, 1862.
Germany, W. F. Killed at Atlanta, July 22, 1864.
Germany, J. H. Wounded at Chicamunga, captured at Mission-
ary Ridge, sent to Rock Island, Neshoba county.

Gilmore, G. W. Died at Hickory, 1891.
Graham, Mart. Died in hospital 1864.
Harper, J. T. Died in hospital 1863.
Harper, W. B. Killed in front of Atlanta, Ga. 18 4.
Barris, A (Pete) Died in hospital.
Hale, Samuel E. Wounded at Murfreesboro, Tenn. New Orleans.
Henry, James. Killed at Battle of Franklin, Nov. 30, 1864.
Higgs, J. Supposed to have died in hospital.
Heflin, W. M. ("Babe") Captured at Franklin, sent to Rock Id.
Hollingsworth, D. C. Now living in Texas.
Hollingsworth, Sam. Living in Miss.
Hopson, W. D. Killed at Atlanta, July 22d, 1864.
Hunter James L. Captured at Missionary Ridge, sent to Rock Is-
land, Ill.; Living at Decatur.
Jackson, T. J. (Snewall) Wounded at Atlanta and Franklin,
captured sent to Camp Douglass, died Newton county, 1888.
Johnson, Thos. J. Killed at Chattanooga, Aug. 27, 1863.
Johnson A. B. Died in Leake county, 1876.
Jordan, F. E. Died in army hospital 1863.
Jordan, T. J. Unknown.
Kennedy, J. F. (Jessy) Wounded Chicamunga, died Newton, '69
Ketchum, J. A. West Station, Holmes county.
Leech, Thos. J. Captured at Franklin, in prison Camp Douglass.
Leach, Willie Killed at Battle Murfreesboro, Dec. 30, 1862.
Mapp, J. T. Killed at Battle of Atlanta, July 1864.
Martinier, D. W. Killed before Atlanta, July 4, 1864.
Milner, William, Died at Ringgold, Ga., 1862.
Murphy, J. V. Living in Leake county.
Myers, John, Died in hospital.
G. W. Myers, Killed at Battle of Franklin, Tennessee, Nov 30.
McCullough, John Joined Cavalry at home since war.
McCullough, Benjamin, Died at Newman, Ga. 1863.
McMullen, T. S. (Sebe). Died near Decatur, 1884 or '85.
McMullan, Willie, Killed at Franklin, wounded before Atlanta.
July 4, '64.
Parkes, Jeff. B. Wounded at Franklin; trans'd 39th regt, Texas,
Payne, D. F. Died in hospital 1863.
Payne, John C. Wounded at Atlanta, July 22d. Died at home.
Fortis, J. W. Captured at home on leave, sent to Camp Chase
and Johnson's Island, Ohio, now living in Louisiana.
Ponder, F. M. Captured at Missionary Ridge, sent to Camp
Douglass. Died at home since the war.
Pridgeon, J. W. Wounded at Battle of Chicamunga, Sept 20 '63.
Red, R. B. Killed at Battle Atlanta, July 22d, 1864.
Reeves, R. (Dock) Killed at Battle of Franklin, Nov 30, 1864.
Rhodes, Jeff. Killed at Battle of Franklin, Nov. 30, 1864.
Sansing, W. A. Killed at Battle of Franklin, November 30, 1864.

Sansing, J. H. Wounded at Battle of Chicamauga, Newton.
 Savall, W. C. Died at home 1862.
 Sessums, Cade. Transferred to 46th Mississippi Regiment, Texas.
 Sessums, Sol. Wounded at Atlanta, Ga. July 4, Died at home.
 Scott, J. A. Wounded at Atlanta, July 4 Died in Newton Co 1864.
 Shaw, W. Wounded at Jonesboro, Aug 1864, Living Newton Co.
 Smith, J. M. Smith. Wounded at Atlanta & Franklin, Neshoba Co.
 Temples, S. T. Captured at Missionary Ridge, sent to Rock Island, Died at Rock Island, Ohio.
 Stephens, John, Died at Enterprize, Sept 1861. 1st death.
 Stephens, H. C. Wounded at Atlanta, Living in Arkansas.
 Stephens, J. F. Died in hospital.
 Tabor, J. A. Now living in Texas.
 Taylor, John H. Now living in Newton county.
 Terry, J. L. Captured at Missionary Ridge, sent to Rock Island, Died in Rock Island Prison.
 Thornton, W. T. Died in hospital.
 Todd, S. J. Lost sight of.
 Vance, W. T. Died at Pensacola, Fla. 1862
 Vance, D. J. Died at Pensacola, Fla, 1862.
 Wallace, W. H. Went blind, supposed to have died.
 Wallace, R. A. Died in Georgia, 1864.
 West, C. C. Wounded at Atlanta, July 22, 1864
 Wharton, J. B. Killed at Columbus, Ga.
 Wharton, S. L. Wounded at Kennesaw Mountain, Ga Texas
 Willis Thomas Killed at Battle of Chicamauga Sept. 20 1863.
 Wills, Mat. Captured at Missionary Ridge, sent to Rock Island, Died at Rock Island.
 Williamson, D. C. Killed at Atlanta, July 22. 1864.
 Woodward, M. E. Died at Pensacola, Fla, 1862.
 R. W. Burton, Now living in Newton county.
 Huddleston, Carter (soon) Trans. to 36th Miss Regt, Vicksburg.
 Total number on original roll of company 106

RECRUITS:

Alford J. M. Died at home 1893
 Carrol, John D. now living in Leake county.
 Edmonds, John T. Died at Wartrace, Tenn.
 Edmonds, N. J. Wounded in Georgia Campaign. Neshoba county.
 Edmonds, W. M. Elected Sheriff Newton co 1863, died home 1867.
 Gardner, Elijah S. Wounded at Kennesaw Mountain, Ga, leg amputated; died at home 1864.
 Gilmore, J. A. Died near Hickory 1880.
 Holcroft, Breck, Killed at Chattanooga, Aug 27 1863

Johnson, Johnnie, Died Newman Ga. October 1862
 Jordan J. F. Wounded at Atlanta July 22, left eye out, Ark.
 Kennedy, James, Died in Georgia, 1863.
 Lovett, James, Wounded at Franklin Nov 30 1864.
 Mapp, J. A. (Bud,) Wounded at Atlanta, July 22, Newton Co.
 Mapp, J. M. Wounded at Franklin, Captured at Franklin, and sent to Camp Douglas. Now living at Harpersville.
 Mapp, Willis T. Killed at Atlanta, July 22. 1864.
 Moore, J. M. (Front.)
 McAllen Thos. J. Killed at Franklin November 30. 1864
 Motts John C. Wounded at Resaca, right arm amputated.
 Putnam Charley, Killed by horse, died Lauderdale county 1893
 Payne, Joe C. Died Newton county 1875.
 Reeves Pryor, Died in Hospital 1863
 Sansing, P. W. Wounded at Murfreesboro 1862 and Franklin 1864 Neshoba county
 Stamper, G. D. Died at Bridgeport, Ala 1863
 Stephens, R. H. Now living in Marion county.
 Willis, J. M. Now living in Newton county
 Myers James M. Killed at Battle of Franklin, Nov 30 1864.
 Beck, Private, Whereabouts unknown, Total Recruits—27.

EXCHANGED FROM OTHER COMPANIES

Bailey, Private—From Thirty Sixth Regiment, whereabouts u'kn.
 Germany, J. W.—From Thirty-Sixth Regiment, living in Texas.
 Germany, Will—From Thirty-Sixth Regiment, Neshoba county.
 Jackson, W. H.—From Thirteenth Regiment, Died in 1877.
 McNeil, James Whereabouts unknown.
 Stamper, Joel C. Now living in Newton county. Total..... 6

RECAPITULATION

Number of officers	1
Number of privates—original company	91
Number of recruits	27
Number of exchanges.....	6
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Pinckney Guards—Total Enrollment.....	125

ARMY OF TENNESSEE